## ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

## **NEWS RELEASE**



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## SOUTHEAST ALASKA SUMMER TROLL FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the second king salmon opening of the general summer commercial troll season will close to the retention of king salmon at 11:59 p.m., Saturday, September 8, 2012. The target harvest of approximately 79,900 king salmon is expected to be reached by this time. Following the closure, king salmon may not be retained in commercial troll fisheries outside of hatchery Terminal Harvest Areas (THA). Trollers should consult the latest THA News Releases for information regarding open periods.

**All king salmon must be offloaded prior to resuming trolling for other species.** Fish tickets must be submitted to the department within **seven** days of landing.

## Areas of Frequent High King Salmon Abundance

Trollers are reminded that the waters of frequent high king salmon abundance, described in 5 AAC 29.025, will be closed for the remainder of the season. Please refer to the map on page 2 of this news release.

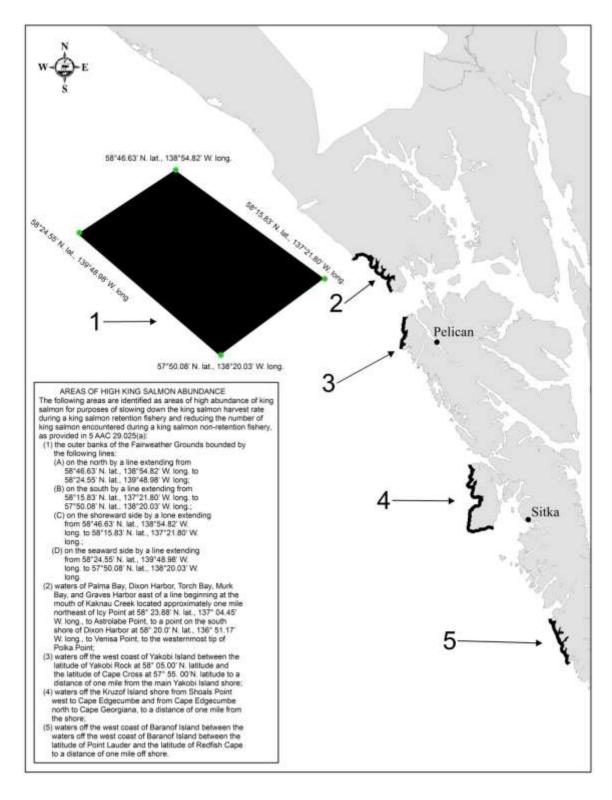
In years when wild coho salmon abundance is projected by the department to meet escapement needs, after considering harvest and effort, the coho salmon fishery may be extended for up to 10 days after September 20. A decision as to whether or not the summer troll season will be extended after September 20 will be announced by the end of next week.

The 2012 Summer Troll Fishery Management Plan is available at all regional ADF&G offices and on the troll website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S8212.

News releases web site: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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Troll Hotline	225-6870	772-3700		747-8765	465-8765			



Areas of High King Salmon Abundance closed to trolling for all salmon species for the remainder of the summer troll season.